

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

Ninety four Nebraska Career Education students were recently recognized for national leadership and skills competition awards they received earlier this year.

Gov. Dave Heineman and Nebraska Education Commissioner Roger Breed recognized students during a Nov. 22 reception at the Nebraska State Capitol Rotunda. The students are members of Nebraska Career Education student leadership organizations: DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, PBL and SkillsUSA.

The following students received first, second or third place national awards or were finalists.

DECA Award Winners:

- John Glassman of Omaha North High School
- Ellen Muehling of Lincoln East High School
- Ke Arkfeld of Westside High School
- Rebecca Monnier, Aiden Shrum and Kristen Williamson of Bellevue West High School

DECA is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in the areas of marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

FBLA Award Winners:

- Erin Dwyer, Allison Kuhlman and Nikki Novak of Elmwood-Murdock High School
- Jenna Woitaszewski, Brianna Turek and Alexis Carter of Wood River High School
- Allison Skidmore of Fairbury High School
- Sally Moore, Joseph Chapman, Alexander Shaner, Rebecca Eichelberger and Sam Rickert of Fillmore Central High School
- Tyler Wellman of Syracuse High School
- Meagan Palensky and Lauren Schneider of Raymond Central High School
- Ashley Wood of Minden High School
- Lance Johnson of Bellevue West High School
- Noah Carpenter of Omaha Northwest Magnet High School
- Isaac Thompson of Arlington High School
- Allison Johnson and Taylor Johnson of Meridian High School
- Laura Ruskamp of Johnson-Brock High School
- Nancy Seeman of Stanton High School

FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America, provides career development programs for students interested in business administration, management, finance and information technology careers.

FCCLA Award Winners:

- Bethany Lambert, Andrea Lemmer, Leanne DeKay and Sarah DeKay of Chambers High School
- Ashley Fiedler and Emily Kersten of Bloomfield High School
- Sydney Martin, Shelbi Brown, Jerilyn Cornell and Kim Ourada of Elm Creek High School
- Rachel Buss and Rachel Kermmoade of Kearney High School
- Colleen Melvin, Tami Simmonds, Colton Aspenleiter, Josh Leas and Shawn Welch of Medicine Valley High School
- Tarryn Tietjen of Thayer Central High School
- Shelby Wade of Prague High School
- Elyssa Leach of Pierce High School

FCCLA, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer science education.

FFA Award Winners:

- Emily Arkfeld of Lourdes Central High School
- Adam Venteicher of Pierce High School
- Evan Ibach of Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School
- Levi Ochsner of Sutton High School
- Anders Olson of Tekamah-Herman High School
- Garrett Kahrs and Brandon Goebel of Franklin High School
- Tucker Lammers of Hartington High School
- Landon Schmidt of Fairbury High School
- Sarah Wheeldon and Jordan Brabec of Schuyler Central High School
- Jordan Wagner of Creighton High School
- Haylie Lechtenberg of West Boyd High School
- Rebecca Ramm of Stuart High School
- Colton Hansen of Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca High School
- Eric Miller of Lyons-Decatur Northeast High School
- Franklin FFA Chapter
- Holdrege FFA Chapter

FFA is an organization of agricultural education students preparing for careers in agriculture, food and natural resources.

HOSA Award Winners

- Ramsey Jaber and Marissa Poe of Lincoln North Star High School
- Sara Christianson of Lincoln Southwest High School

HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America, is a national student organization for high school and college students preparing for careers in the health care industry.

SkillsUSA Award Winners:

- Mike Toczec and Sydney Wells of Papillion-La Vista High School
- Morgan Hansen of Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca High School
- Chris Waszgis, Elise DeMaranville, Justine Heatley, Bridget Murphy and Erin Parisien of Metropolitan Community College-Omaha
- Jackie Michals of Lincoln North Star High School
- Richard Schutt of Southeast Community College in Lincoln
- Zachary Bruick, Carl Heinicke, Emily Thrailkill, Alex Koehler and Andrew Sorsen of Seward High School
- Mitch Sapp, Austin Kay, Nathan Heath and Brandon Gunnink of Wayne State College

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and tech prep.

Phi Beta Lambda Award Winners:

- Chris Reznicek, Joel Jantzen, Erica Lam, Cole Malmberg and Shelbi Svoboda of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Michelle Schwartz and Michele Wenthold of North Platte Community College
- Peter Raun of the University of Nebraska at Omaha

Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division of the FBLA-PBL association, which prepares members for careers in business or business-related occupations.